

# HUMANITARIAN CRISIS MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

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*BRAC has worked in Cox's Bazar for the last 35 years, with host communities and the Rohingya population from previous influxes. We are pursuing an adaptive, phase-wise strategy to provide integrated services to everyone affected by the crisis.*

## SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS (ISCG Situation Report, 13 December 2018)

**908,000 displaced Rohingya people identified for support** by the RRRC-UNHCR family counting exercise, as of 12 December 2018.

**The Site Management Site Development Sector is engaging with all actors** from government of Bangladesh and the humanitarian community as well as donors to define a holistic and joint macro-planning strategy for the months to come.

**The third SMART Nutrition Survey in December 2018 confirmed that the malnutrition situation has further consolidated** but continues to require maintained efforts throughout 2019.

**Joint Response Plan (JRP) for 2019 finalised**, with USD 920.5 million required to maintain priority response efforts across sectors.

## KEY BRAC ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



**36,148**

shelters constructed



**55,481**

people made aware of their legal rights



**14,151**

functional latrines



**548,815**

consultations made through 11 primary healthcare centres



**2,856**

gaps and needs solved through site management



**47,811**

children registered in temporary learning centres in camps



**140,906**

trees planted



**119,739**

psychosocial support sessions provided in facilities



**100,000**

households receiving regular essential communication in their shelters



**48,973**

children playing in 229 child-friendly spaces in camps

## SNAPSHOT OF SECTORS & WORKING GROUPS

Sector/working group	Indicator	Cumulative
 <b>Education</b>	Attendance rate	<b>87%</b>
	Learning centres functioning	<b>639</b>
	Learners registered	<b>50,940</b>
 <b>Health, nutrition, communicable diseases</b>	Consultations made through community health outlets	<b>1,179,620</b>
	Households received counselling/education on nutrition	<b>18,540</b>
	Malaria tests conducted	<b>110,167</b>
 <b>Protection</b>	Men and boys engaged on sexual and gender-based violence	<b>19,744</b>
	Cases of skilled psychosocial support provided to survivors of sexual and gender based violence	<b>1,129</b>
	Complaints/questions responded to by staff at information points	<b>98,067</b>
 <b>Child protection</b>	Child friendly spaces functioning	<b>244</b>
	Cases of skilled psychosocial support provided to children	<b>1,579</b>
	Children registered in child friendly spaces	<b>48,973</b>
 <b>WaSH</b>	Latrines constructed	<b>19,279</b>
	Hand washing stations built	<b>4,867</b>
	Hygiene sessions provided	<b>147,716</b>
 <b>Shelter &amp; NFI</b>	Shelters built	<b>36,148</b>
	Clothes distributed	<b>222,936</b>
	Solar lamps distributed	<b>53,015</b>
 <b>Disaster risk reduction</b>	Shelters upgraded	<b>7,820</b>
	Latrines desludged	<b>8,757</b>
	Deep tube wells maintained	<b>940</b>
 <b>Agriculture &amp; environment</b>	Grass slips planted in camps	<b>3,616,057</b>
	Trees planted	<b>140,906</b>
	Shrubs planted	<b>30,000</b>
 <b>Livelihood</b>	Women and adolescent girls enrolled in tailoring training	<b>1,800</b>
	Micro-savings accounts opened by people living in ultra poverty	<b>2,745</b>
	Learners from host communities placed in jobs	<b>100</b>
 <b>Site management</b>	Community awareness meetings held	<b>885</b>
	Shelter kits distributed	<b>2,080</b>
	Staff engaged in capacity building training	<b>161</b>
 <b>Communication for development</b>	Advocacy meetings held with community leaders and religious leaders	<b>93</b>
	Interpersonal communication meetings held at household level	<b>1,344,017</b>
	Participants engaged with adolescent radio listeners' groups	<b>4,816</b>
 <b>Cash-based interventions</b>	Households provided with cash support	<b>9,782</b>
 <b>Host communities</b>	Learning centres functioning	<b>100</b>
	Trees planted or distributed	<b>23,485</b>
	Children attended sessions in child friendly spaces	<b>48,134</b>

## SECTOR CLOSE UP

### PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL & GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women in Cox's Bazar



Rohingya girls pledge to fight for equal rights and dignity.

**“We women, we give birth to a life, let us live ours in peace.”** In December 2018, Rohingya men, women, boys, and girls came together across camps to call for an end to violence against women. Evidence shows that many of the displaced women and girls living in camps continue to be at risk for sexual and gender-based violence, in addition to coping with the aftermath — such as psychological trauma and social stigma — of conflict-related sexual violence perpetrated in Myanmar or during their journeys to Bangladesh.

**To address these protection risks, BRAC currently operates 8 women-friendly spaces, 8 community centres, and 1 skills development centre in the Cox's Bazar camps.** The centres provide a range of services — from legal aid support and case management, to psychosocial counseling for survivors, to awareness sessions on women's rights, to informal adult literacy activities, to tailoring and crafting. Equipped with solar fans and colorfully decorated, they function as sanctuaries: places to heal, learn, access critical services, and simply be with each other. The community refer to the women-friendly spaces as *shanti khana*, meaning 'places of peace'. According to Shameema Akhter, BRAC's coordinator for the women-friendly spaces, an average of 60 women regularly attend each *shanti khana* daily.

**“I come here to talk to the other women, and spend time with the young girls,” said Layla\*, a 21-year-old Rohingya woman.** Layla was a child-bride, married off at age 13. She attended school until she reached puberty during the 7th grade. She now has three children, including a six-year-old girl and two toddler boys. She says that her dream is for her daughter to become a doctor, and for her sons to be teachers.

**“Young girls don't have the maturity to have babies and run a household at such a young age,” Layla said.** “If I have the chance, I will study more. But, right now, my dreams are for my children. I don't want to dream too big, because I don't to fall short.” In the meantime, Layla comes to the *shanti khana* at her camp daily, where she sews, embroiders and participates in awareness sessions on topics such as gender-based violence, health, and hygiene.

## PROFILE ON THE GROUND

**2,600+**

BRAC staff providing critical services in camps and host communities

**1,800+**

staff from host communities working in camps and host communities

**1,700+**

volunteers from camps supporting BRAC's work in camps

**1,400+**

female staff working in BRAC's response



Photo: BRAC/Rashad W Lateef

\*cash for work is a short-term intervention to provide temporary employment in public projects.

## PEOPLE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP

**TOTAL REQUIRED FOR PHASE 2: USD 56.4 MILLION**

**USD 38.6 million**

committed

**USD 17.8 million**

still needed



On 22 December, Md. Asadul Islam, Health Secretary of Bangladesh's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, visited BRAC's 24-hour primary health centre + laboratory in Camp 1E/Lambashia. After inspecting our health, nutrition, and communicable diseases prevention programmes, he spoke positively about BRAC's efforts to improve health outcomes and prevent disease, including initiatives combating TB, HIV and malaria.

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